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THE LACUNA TAPES
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HALF LIFE
Original Song Lyrics

ALIVE
Original Poem · Poetry Pulse Award Winner, April 2017

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WORK 1 — HALF LIFE

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[Verse 1]

I imagine I was naive when you smiled at my suit
You were supposed to be our Tabitha
But you had a Bible and a bomb in your drawer
Like some of your ancestors, you had a war room
Which was actually a coven for you and the heavenlies

[Bridge 1]

You poisoned the well from which I drank
You set husbands against wives
You injected wormwood into my holy water

[Chorus]

And I pray the half-life accelerates
The half-life of you until it gets to negative one
Half-life of you and your chalice of bile
Your chalice of bile

[Verse 2]

I am the firefly that grew into an eagle
You have many fireflies in your priceless bottle
They never made it
You have eagles who no longer soar
They have become chickens, and I was on that path
The eagle was molting in a gold cage
This eagle had been fed plumbum ingested
From the communion of five loaves and two fish

[Bridge 2]

You served me bloated bread instead of a thin wafer
You make wives lord over husbands
You served hibiscus tea instead of grape wine

[Chorus]

And I pray the half-life accelerates
The half-life of you until it gets to negative one
Half-life of you and your chalice of bile
Your chalice of bile

[Bridge 3]

Even after the eagle breaks the gold cage

You deploy your host of hell
Your host of people and places
With blade wings and razor tongues
And our only hope is to be stubborn
And fight you dirty with Isaiah's promise: no weapon
Your weapons and tongue become rubbish

[Chorus]

And I pray the half-life accelerates
The half-life of you until it gets to negative one
Half-life of you and your chalice of bile
And your chalice of bile
Oh

[Bridge 4]

Your half life
Half life
Half life
Oh
Your half life
Half life
Half life

[Post Bridge]

The toxins are extinct
And my miracles are in doubling time
The tox— Half life. Oh. Half life. Oh. Half life. The toxins are extinct
Half life. Oh. Half life. Oh. The toxins are extinct
And my miracles are in doubling time

[Outro]

No more half life
No more half life
It's just me and life

WORK 2 — ALIVE

Original Poem by Success Akpojotor

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LACUNA

War waged within walls of atomic number 14
After I conked in the torrent that fed me for eons
But broke before I transcended to a life after birth.

FLASH FORWARD

Kelpie was my twin before he bit the dust
And longed for the frigid fires of the infernal region
When he gestated I was the other face of Janus —
And that I had found and bussed my first love, Gemini.

Dada enrolled me in Lucifer's college
Where my garb was the transfiguration
And always I tallied earthoid fluorescent pills
As I trained to be an angel of light.

INTERLUDE

Like Eve's firstborn perambulating the planetoid
Searching for his humanity effaced off of him, life was
Taken from me and replaced with the body of God
As I learnt the arcanum of creation in a nanosecond.

FLASHBACK

Cherubs and dybbuks ousted Old Nick
And gifted me his diadem as they whispered:
Breathe. Conquer. Dance. Respire. You. Are. Alive.

INTERREGNUM

Young Nick, they called me
As they hoped for life in my reign
As I rewrote history with dust and ashes —
But now dybbuks and cherubs are at war.

INTERMISSION

Up in the middle heaven the chiaroscuro of Darwin
Glowers down at me from her pink throne and sprays
Down a mizzle that tells me I'm the answer to her rhetoric.
But how did I survive?

THE PRESENT

I recollect the loud whispers,
“You are alive.
Breathe,
conquer,
dance,
respire.” I know I’m alive.

I know I’m alive.
I know I’m alive.
I know I’m alive.

OUTRO

Lacuna

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